

COUNTRY Austria (Soviet Zone)

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TOPIC Soviet Troops in Goepfritz, Klosterneuburg and Bruck an der Leitha

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REFERENCES

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REMARKS

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1. On 21 March 1952, no Soviet railroad komendatura was at the Goepfritz (O 49/ R 64) railroad station, nor were Soviet troops and equipment noticed in Goepfritz proper or in the installations previously used during the training period. small shipments of Soviet troops were rotated at the troop training grounds for firing practice lasting two to four weeks. Several wooden wedges were noticed on the loading ramp at the railroad station. A Soviet troop train escorted by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets and carrying 10 to 15 vehicles and 8 to 12 AT guns with muzzle brakes was seen between the railroad stations of Greifenstein-Altenberg (O 49/S 20) and Kritzendorf (O 49/S 30) en route to Vienna. *

2. On 22 March, imprints indicating that troops were unloaded and loaded in the past weeks were noticed at the loading ramp of the Klosterneuburg (O 49/S 30) railroad station. About 23 trucks with soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and two AT guns were seen in the yard of the former Pionierzeugamt. Another eight trucks stood in the garages. Trucks driven by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets, were seen at the installation. About 30 soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets were seen returning to the Pionier Kaserne from training near the Donauauen (Danube meadows) and the Pionierzeugamt respectively. Truck driven by a soldier with red-bordered black epaulets, entered the Pionier Kaserne through the northwestern gate. A gunboat and 11 smaller boats, presumably armed motor-boats, were seen in the harbor on 22 March. Truck and jeep occupied by sailors, were parked in front of the naval depot. carrying sailors was seen in Klosterneuburg. **

3. On 20 March, four SP guns, probably SU-100s and six trucks were seen in the garages southeast of the railroad station in Bruck an der Leitha (P 49/ X 77). Imprints of track-laying vehicles indicated that vehicles of this type had moved out of the garage not long ago. About 6 officers were seen walking from the garages to the nearby camp in the woods. Twenty-four soldiers lead by a captain marched into the camp in the woods. The troops wore red-bordered black epaulets. Four majors with red-bordered black epaulets and one major with black-bordered black epaulets were seen at the camp. Trucks jeeps and sedan all driven by

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soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets, were identified at the camp. Among the officers entering and leaving the old komendatura on Fischamenderstrasse were seven who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. Communications were observed between the camp in the woods and the old komendatura. Jeep [] was parked in front of the so-called new komendatura which was entered by three field grade officers who wore red-bordered black epaulets and one field grade officer who wore black-bordered red epaulets. **

* [] Comment. [] the train en route to Vienna on 21 March 1952 carried components of the 46th Gds Mecz Regt of the 13th Gds Mecz Div in Klosterneuburg. The troops probably returned from the Deollersheim troop training grounds.

** [] Comment. The information tends to indicate that no changes occurred in the quartering of troops in Klosterneuburg and Bruck an der Leitha.

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